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DCI/IC/PRG
PROJECT NO. 11-72

PRODUCT REVIEW PROGRAM

TITLE: The Production of Scientific and Technical Intelligence

SPONSOR: D/DCI/IC

TYPE PROJECT: Production Improvement

INITIATION APPROVED: By the NSCIC Working Group on

ACTION RESPONSIBILITY: DCI/IC/PRG

PROBLEM: To assess the manner in which scientific and technical intelligence is produced in the U.S. intelligence community; how and by whom consumer needs are expressed, the division of responsibilities among the various intelligence organizations which respond to these needs, and the adequacy of the resulting products; to prepare appropriate recommendations for improvement in the timely responsiveness of S&T end products to consumer needs.

APPROACH: This study is to respond to the Presidential charge of 5 November 1971 that the Director of Central Intelligence prepare a "comprehensive program focused upon improving the intelligence process and product."

Review of scientific and technical intelligence production is an important part of this program because of the resources involved and the intimate relationship between foreign S&T intelligence and U.S. RDT&E on new or improved weapons systems. Not only is the collection and processing of foreign S&T information a major part of intelligence community expenditures, but the S&T production effort alone represented

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It is proposed that the study be accomplished in two parts:

- a. The initial effort will be an assembly of data. This will be accomplished by the D/DCI/IC staff, but will involve the input of formatted lists of requirements and products from the intelligence organizations engaged in S&T production.
- b. The second part will be accomplished by an ad hoc task group, chairman to be designated by the D/DCI/IC, and including representatives of the departments and agencies engaged in S&T production. It is expected that representatives of the S&T production organizations of the military services would participate along with representatives from the military department, headquarters.

The resultant study would consist of three parts:

- a. A Summary and Recommendations.
- b. An annex, essentially descriptive in nature, indicating which agencies are producing what, with what resources, at what intervals, and for which customers. This annex would provide the information on which the second annex would be based.
- c. An annex which would assess whether the proper subjects are being covered, with an appropriate priority of effort and whether the production priorities are appropriate to user needs, and whether the division of subject matter responsibilities is optimum. The annex would include an evaluation as to whether customer needs could be better met, within resource constraints, by a more standardized presentation format (e.g., whether use of a standardized set of loose-leaf publications which could be up-dated as necessary would be more appropriate in some subject-matter fields than bound publications re-issued at fixed intervals). The DCID 1/2 Supplement, "U.S. Intelligence Objectives and Priorities," includes six S&T objectives and assigns them with respect to 41 foreign countries.

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Weighing the product effort in terms of response to these objectives and priorities would be involved in the study. Another facet would be examination of the relationships between S&T production for national intelligence purposes and that production which is linked in the military services with support for their departmental RDT&E activities.

APPLICATION
OF RESULTS:

To be determined by the findings of the study.

It is expected, however, that the study will provide recommendations for NSCIC Working Group consideration out of which will come either proposed course of action for NSCIC consideration or for submission to the DCI for his consideration.

DEADLINE:

Not set.

Completion of the first portion of the study (the gathering of descriptive data) will be facilitated by prompt responses from the production organizations. Given this, it is expected that deliberations of the ad hoc task group could begin by early summer.

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